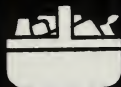


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(Information from Consumer Division, OPA)

## HOW TO MAKE TIRES LAST LONGER

1. Don't speed: tires last twice as long at 35 miles per hour as at 60 miles per hour.
2. Don't jam on brakes or make fast starts: burns tread.
3. Take curves slowly: you & your tires will last longer.
4. Look out for bumps: stones, rough roads, ruts are tough on tires; don't bruise or scuff against curbs.
5. Keep tires properly inflated: check pressure once a week; little over-inflation better than too little.
6. Keep brakes equalized: check brake drums. (over)

7. Keep wheels aligned: check alignment every 6 months.
8. Shift tires around: change every 5000 miles; rotate tires from front to back & from left to right; be sure to use spare to even wear on all tires.
9. Repair promptly: cuts, leaks, breaks and bruises need quick repair to prevent permanent damage.
10. Check valves to prevent leakage: keep valves replaced.
11. Keep tires & car under cover as much as possible.
12. Drive car as little as possible: share with neighbors when driving to work or to market; take turns so one car doesn't get all wear.
13. If possible, have worn tires retreaded: cost  $\frac{1}{2}$  cost of new tires; gives about 80% new tire wear. Choose reliable dealer - concerns who retread for commercial concerns apt to be more expert.

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